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SUBJECT: MOSKOVSKAYA PRAVDA ATTACKS USIA

1. LENGTHY UNSIGNED ARTICLE, "SABOTEURS THROUGH THE MICROPHONES," IN MOSKOVSKAYA PRAVDA FEBRUARY 22, ATTACKED VARIOUS U.S. IDEOLOGICAL WEAPONS, SINGLING OUT USIA AND VOA AS FOREMOST AMONG THE "WRECKERS." FIRST SUCH CRITICISM IN SOME TIME, ON "GIGANTIC PROPAGANDA MACHINE OF THE USA," CONTAINED IN ARTICLE FOUR COLUMNS WIDE AND THREE QUARTERS OF A PAGE LONG AND ACCOMPANIED BY CARTOON DEPICTING TWO SNAKE-LIKE HEADS, (FREE EUROPE AND LIBERTY) SHOUTING INTO MICROPHONES WHILE WEAVING OUT OF A BUCKET LABELED "DOLLARS."

2. THEME OF RELATIVELY FACTUAL AND STRAIGHTFORWARD ARTICLE IS THAT BOURGEOIS PROPAGANDA AND IDEOLOGICAL WARFARE DIRECTED AGAINST SOVIET UNION AND SOCIALIST COUNTRIES ARE DESTROYING CLIMATE FOR DETENTE AND ARE IN ANY CASE "A CREATION OF THE COLD WAR." USIA OCCUPIES DOMINANT POSITION IN PROPAGANDA STRUGGLE, WITH 10,000 EMPLOYEES AND A 1975 BUDGET OF 239.5 MILLION DOLLARS, WHILE

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VOA IS AGENCY'S MOST IMPORTANT ORGAN, ACCORDING TO ARTICLE.

OTHER VILLAINS, COMMENTED ON AT LENGTH, ARE RFE AND RL.

3. QUOTING EXTENSIVELY FROM AMERICAN SOURCES SUCH AS U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT (THE KEOGH INTERVIEW), TIME, SENATOR FULBRIGHT, CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY OF "CONSULTING COMMITTEE ON THE QUESTION OF INFORMATION," AND A LETTER TO EDITOR IN WASHINGTON POST, ARTICLE ARGUES THAT AMERICAN PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES, IN FORM OF RADIO BROADCASTS AND PUBLICATIONS, ARE BOTH AN ANACHRONISM AND A PROVOCATION TO WHICH MANY AMERICANS, INCLUDING SENATOR FULBRIGHT AND ABOVE LETTER-WRITER, ARE OPPOSED.

4. ARTICLE, REplete WITH WOUNDED INNOCENCE, ACCORDINGLY FEARS DESTRUCTION OF DELICATE DETENTE FABRIC FOR WHICH SOCIALIST WORLD HAS WORKED SO HARD AND LONG.

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